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SUBJ: TCK SMUT PROBLEM

REF: PEKING 0461 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE BASIC FACTS OF CARGILL AND DREYFUS DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE PRC ON THE TCK SMUT PROBLEM ARE NOW KNOWN
BY AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS OF HK'S AMERICAN PRESS CORPS.

2. AT DINNER, MARCH 19, A VISITING CANADIAN BUSINESS-
MAN DESCRIBED HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS IN PEKING WITH
CARGILL REPRESENTATIVE LANG AND RELAYED THE BASIC
FACTS OF THE DISPUTE. PRESENT AND LISTENING WERE
CORRESPONDENTS FROM UPI, NEWSWEEK AND THE EDITOR OF
A CHINA TRADE NEWSLETTER. THE NEWSMEN DID NOT APPEAR
TO PICK UP ON THE STORY, BUT MAY HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM
A MISREPRESENTATION OF THIS MATTER IN THE PRESS, THE
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PREPARE PRESS GUIDANCE OR AT
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LEAST BE PREPARED FOR PRESS INQUIRIES SHOULD THEY ARISE.

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